



*Greater St. Albert
Catholic Schools*

Board Meeting Summary

September 9, 2013

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The last regular meeting of the Board was held in St. Albert at the District Office on Monday, September 9, 2013.

GOOD NEWS

Back to school events were buzzing throughout the district during the past few weeks. GSACRD Staff welcomed new students and shared their excitement for the coming year. In addition, many schools held special events and barbecues including:

- J.J. Nearing School Community celebrated the grand opening of the playground expansion made possible by the Friends of J.J. Nearing to support Halle's wish. The school hosted a barbecue to commemorate this important milestone and cause.
- Albert Lacombe School marked the opening of the school year with a welcome back coffee event to greet parents on September 3rd. The school is celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Sports Academy Program and the new stream for Gymnastics, Cheer and Dance welcomed its first group of students.

CONSENT ITEMS

- Board began the review of its policies with an approval of its existing District Mission Statement, Values and Beliefs as it pertains to the alignment with Alberta Education's Inspiring Education and the district's status as Catholic Separate.

ACTION ITEMS

- Secretary-treasurer D. Schlag highlighted that the district has out for tender the banking services required for the district operations. This is as a result of a current five year contract that expires in the New Year. Request for Proposal details can be found on the district website.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- The district updated the board that seven schools in the district have expressed an interest in offering a music enrichment program afterschool. This is a strings program and more information can be found on the website www.musicenrichment.org
- The Board was provided with a preliminary school update that highlighted stable enrolments across the district. Final numbers are officially released following September 30th.

UPCOMING INITIATIVES FOR THE BOARD

- The Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools Foundation held two meetings during July and August to continue work on the bylaws and will meet again on September 18 @ 7:00 PM to complete this work. Individuals interested in learning more about the foundation can contact Deb Schlag at the district office.

- Nomination papers for those individuals interested in running for Catholic Trustee positions must be filed on September 23rd. at each of the municipal offices in St. Albert, Morinville, and Legal. More detailed information, including specific locations and times, nomination forms, ward maps, and much more, can be found on the district website. The election for trustees is on October 21, 2013. Please be sure to get out and vote.

**The next Regular Meeting of the
Board of Trustees is scheduled for
Monday, September 30, 2013
7:30 p.m. at District Office**